

sub C1) 2. A cooking vessel in accordance with claim 1 wherein said knob assembly includes a whistle body that provides an audible signal in response to flow of vapor therethrough, and a movable member having a dual function notch formed therein that operates selectively both as a release to selectively permit removal of the movable member for cleaning, and as a slot for vapor discharge to selectively enable the whistle body.

A 3. A cooking vessel in accordance with claim 2 wherein said knob assembly further includes a knob body attached to said lid, [a whistle body that provides an audible signal in response to flow of vapor therethrough,] and a vapor discharge aperture communicating with said whistle body through which vapor from the whistle body is discharged, and wherein said dual function notch is movable between a whistle-enabling position in which said notch is aligned with said vapor discharge aperture to permit discharge of vapor therethrough, and a range of whistle-disabling positions in which said notch is not aligned with said discharge aperture, such that said movable member inhibits discharge of vapor therethrough.

sub B2) 7. A method of cooking comprising placing one or more food items in a cooking pan having a bottom wall, at least one side wall, and a removable lid assembly, said lid assembly comprising a lid having an upper surface and having a knob assembly on said upper surface and said lid assembly having at least one aperture therethrough, and a thermometer including a probe extending downward through said aperture and a temperature display;

A 2. applying heat to the bottom of the pan;
measuring temperature by means of [a] said probe, said [thermal] probe having a [lower end] temperature sensing device disposed beneath said aperture and within said pan, above all of said food items to measure temperature between

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said food items and said lid assembly.

[Please add the following claims:]

8. A cooking vessel lid assembly comprising a lid with an upper surface and a knob assembly on said upper surface of said lid, said knob assembly including a whistle and a movable member having a dual function notch formed therein that operates selectively both as a release to selectively permit removal of the movable member for cleaning, and as a slot for vapor discharge to selectively enable said whistle.

9. A cooking vessel lid assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein said upper surface of said lid is generally convex and said lid includes a generally concave lower surface and a peripheral rim.

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10. A cooking vessel lid assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein said lid assembly includes an aperture through said knob assembly and said lid, said lid assembly further including a thermometer extending through said aperture.

11. A cooking vessel lid assembly in accordance with claim 10 wherein said thermometer includes a probe extending downward through said aperture and a temperature display, wherein said probe has a bottom end disposed above said rim.

12. A cooking vessel lid assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein said knob assembly includes a knob body attached to said lid, a whistle body of said whistle that provides an audible signal in response to flow of vapor therethrough, and a vapor discharge aperture communicating with said whistle body through which vapor from the whistle body is discharged, and wherein said dual function notch is movable between a whistle-enabling position in which said notch is aligned with said vapor discharge aperture to permit

discharge of vapor therethrough, and a range of whistle-disabling positions in which said notch is not aligned with said discharge aperture, such that said movable member inhibits discharge of vapor therethrough.

13. A cooking vessel lid assembly in accordance with claim 12 wherein said knob body includes a retaining member, and wherein said notch is movable between a release position in which it is aligned with said retaining member and in which said movable member may be removed from said knob body, and a retained position in which said notch is not aligned with said retaining member, and said retaining member prevents removal of said movable member from said knob body.

14. A cooking vessel lid assembly in accordance with claim 13 wherein said movable member is rotatable.

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15. A cooking vessel assembly comprising a pan, a removable lid assembly comprising a lid having a generally convex upper surface and a generally concave lower surface and a peripheral rim, said lid assembly further comprising a knob assembly on said upper surface and defining at least one aperture through said knob assembly and said lid, said lid assembly further comprising a thermometer including a probe extending downward through said aperture and a temperature display, wherein said probe has a bottom end disposed above the rim, said knob assembly including a whistle body that provides an audible signal in response to flow of vapor therethrough, and a movable member having a dual function notch formed therein that operates both as a release to selectively permit removal of the movable member for cleaning, and as a slot for vapor discharge to selectively enable the whistle.

16. A cooking vessel in accordance with claim 15 wherein said knob assembly further includes a knob body

attached to said lid, and a vapor discharge aperture communicating with said whistle body through which vapor from the whistle body is discharged, and wherein said dual function notch is movable between a whistle-enabling position in which said notch is aligned with said vapor discharge aperture to permit discharge of vapor therethrough, and a range of whistle-disabling positions in which said notch is not aligned with said discharge aperture, such that said movable member inhibits discharge of vapor therethrough.

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A 17. A cooking vessel in accordance with claim 16 wherein said knob body includes a retaining member, and wherein said notch is movable between a release position in which it is aligned with said retaining member and in which said movable member may be removed from said knob body, and a retained position in which said notch is not aligned with said retaining member, and said retaining member prevents removal of said movable member from said knob body.

18. A cooking vessel in accordance with claim 17 wherein said movable member is rotatable.

19. A cooking vessel in accordance with claim 18 wherein said thermometer is fixedly attached to said movable member.

REMARKS

The examiner's indication that claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of claim 1 is noted with appreciation. Claims 2-6 have been rewritten as claims 15-18.

The examiner's objection to claim 7 has been addressed and the informalities in claim 7 have been corrected.

Claims 2-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second